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8 Millennium Drive - Valiant Enterprises, LLC - Modification of Special Permit

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Select a Project: 8 Millennium Drive - Valiant Enterprises, LLC -
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First Name: Seetharaman
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Email Address: sganesan@charter.net
Street Address: 28 Seaver Farm Lane
City: South Grafton
State: Massachusetts
Public Comment Disclaimer: I have read and understand the Public Comment
Disclaimer.
Comments:
Seetharaman Ganesan, 28 Seaver Farm Lane, South Grafton, MA 01560.
We care about people's health in USA.
Regarding: Nature's Remedy received a 2017 special permit from Grafton for
a medical marijuana grow facility. / Any marijuana firms seeking permit from
the town of Grafton, MA.

If the permit expired to grow marijuana the board should not allow to grow a
harmful plant in the Town of Grafton. If it is just used for medical purpose
then it for a good cause(like to create medicine proof has to be presented to
the town to obtain permit, not sure if marijuana firm have to seek FDA
permission to create medicine?). If marijuana is sold to other towns / states
and if citizens health gets affected we the town will be blamed / sued.

I read a report by By Lisa Redmond, The Grafton News. Please see below
between lines.

Posted Sep 20, 2019 at 10:21 AM

A grow facility provides different revenues to host communities from a retail
business.

Rather than paying Grafton 3% tax on retail sales, Nature's Remedy will
make a \$50,000 payment to Grafton after the first sale and then \$25 per pound
of marijuana that leaves the building.

In total, Mr. Carr estimates the town will see revenues of \$500,000 per year.
The company will also make a \$10,000 donation to a local community group.

Let's not make any money for the town from the sale of marijuana.

I presented a letter to the Select board on 12/3/2019 not to sign a host
agreement / licensing to do anything with Marijuana since it affects
people's health. Also I requested town counsel opinion on this matter.
Copy of the letter to the Select Board attached below.

Seetharaman Ganesan, 28 Seaver Farm Lane, South Grafton, MA 01560..

Subject: Adult Use Marijuana Licensing / Host Agreement. We care about people.

Even though the town voted "Yes" for adult use Marijuana, the select board can "vote no" to a host agreement / licensing. As we all know, vaping can cause death, and lung issues, amongst other things. Who knows how Marijuana will affect people, specifically in their brain.

Mr. Edward Prisby said that he wants to make money off of some percentage of marijuana sales to the town of Grafton at the 11/5 meeting. He also said that we are competing with other towns to make money. Making money benefits the town. But if people get sick, or if people go through mental issues, the taxpayers of the town have to pay for the fix of these community issues.

Also, if people are affected by these health issues, they can sue the town because you are making deals / host agreements (percentage of marijuana sale money for the town) with marijuana firms.

I feel like the town should not sign any host agreements or partnerships with marijuana retail stores. The town should not make money by getting a percentage of marijuana sales. If marijuana retail stores make money, it is for them. If marijuana retail stores face lawsuits, then they have to deal with it. We have to make sure they have the proper insurance to cover the lawsuit if they face any lawsuits from the public.

As you may know there are many people who live on the streets in CA. We do not want similar issues here. We want to think proactively to prevent future issues.

I strongly recommend that we ask the town counsel for their opinion on this matter. We are not Las Vegas! If we continue in this way, we might see people starting up casinos here in our town. Drugs will start to pour in. Violence will increase. The town will be disturbed. Please protect our town. Keep it the way it is. Please say no to Marijuana Licensing!!

Now it is in the hands of "the select board". The Select Board cares about the people's health. I know we can make good money for the town by inviting big firms like IBM, Microsoft, Oracle, and Amazon to open corporate offices here in Grafton. I am looking for a response from the town counsel on this issue.

Thanks, Seeth.